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SUBJECT: POLISH GRAIN IMPORTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

REF: (A) STATE 200846, (B) MEMCON BRAINARD/BONIECKI, 7/28/76
(C) WARSAW 5228

1. EMBOFF RAISED POLISH IMPORTS OF GRAIN FROM THE USSR WITH EUGENIUSZ GAJEWSKI, THE SENIOR ADVISER TO AGRICULTURE MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI DURING MEETING ON AUGUST 13. GAJEWSKI REPLIED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING GRAIN FROM THE SOVIETS WILL NOT BECOME CLEAR UNTIL THE SOVIET CROP IS IN. HE SAID THAT IN NO CASE WOULD IMPORTS FROM THE USSR COVER THE "REAL POLISH NEEDS" AND THAT POLAND WOULD BE IMPORTING AT LEAST AS MUCH GRAIN THIS YEAR AS IT DID IN 1975, WHEN TOTAL GRAIN IMPORTS EXCEEDED 5 MILLION TONS. UPON FURTHER QUESTIONING, GAJEWSKI DECLINED TO TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT ANY PURCHASES FROM THE SOVIETS. HE SAID THAT THE LOW SOVIET STOCKS AND THE FACT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE THEMSELVES IMPORTING GRAIN MADE THE SITUATION UNCLEAR.

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2. COMMENT: GAJEWSKI'S REMARKS CLEARLY INDICATE THAT THE

POLES AND SOVIETS HAVE TALKED ABOUT A DEAL.
WE CANNOT JUDGE AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE RESULTS ARE AS
INDETERMINATE AS GAJEWSKI STATED. THE QUESTION IS
DELICATE SINCE IT WAS PROBABLY DISCUSSED DURING GIEREK'S
CONVERSATIONS WITH BREZHNEV (REF B). WE INTEND TO
PURSUE THE SUBJECT FURTHER AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL ON
APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES. PER INSTRUCTIONS FASTO 135,
WE HAVE REQUESTED THE POLES' BEST ESTIMATES ON TOTAL
GRAIN AND OTHER COMMODITY IMPORTS IN FOURTH QUARTER
1976 AND 1977 IN ORDER TO EVALUATE FUTURE CCC CREDIT
REQUESTS. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION ON
AUGUST 19 AND BELIEVE THAT THE QUESTION ON SOVIET
PURCHASES CAN BE RAISED MORE MEANINGFULLY IN THE CONTEXT
OF TOTAL IMPORT PLANS. END COMMENT.

3. CER6-50320 IS CITED PER REQUEST REF A.
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